IX. *An Account of an Humane Skeleton of an extraordinary Size, found in a Repoſitory at* Repton *in* Derby-ſhire, *together with ſome Examples of long Life, communicated by* Simon Degg, M. D. & F. R. S.

Extract from my Journal, Friday July *the* 15*th*, 1726.

THE Day favouring us, we ſet forward from *Derby* for *Repton, alias Repingdon*, and in One Hour and Two Thirds we arrived at *Repton*, a Town in the *Trent* famous for the Burial of the *Mercian* Kings, whoſe chief Seat was at *Tamworth* in *Stafford-ſhire*. This Town is likewiſe remarkable for its Free-ſchool, and its antient Abbey. Having view'd the Ruins in this Town, and enquiring for Antiquities, the Inhabitants brought us *Thomas Walker*, a Labourer, aged Eighty Eight Years, who gave the following Account.

About Forty Years ſince cutting Hillocks, near the Surface he met with an old Stone Wall, when clearing farther he found it to be a ſquare Encloſure of Fifteen Foot: It had been covered, but the Top was decayed and fallen in, being only ſupported by wooden Joyces. In this he found a Stone Coffin, and with Difficulty removing the Cover, ſaw a *Skeleton* of a *Humane Body Nine Foot* long, and round it lay *One Hundred* Humane Skeletons, with their Feet pointing to the Stone Coffin. They ſeem'd to be of the ordinary Size. The Head of the great Skeleton he gave to Mr. *Bowers*, Maſter of the Free-ſchool. I enquired of his Son, One

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of the preſent Maſters, concerning it, but it is loſt; yet he ſays, that he remembers the Skull in his Father's Cloſet, and that he had often heard his Father mention this Gigantick Corps, and thinks this Skull was in Proportion to a Body of that Stature. The Bottom of this Dormitory was pav'd with broad flat Stones, and in the Wall was a Door-caſe, with Steps to go down to it, whoſe Entrance was Forty Yards off, nearer the Church and River. The Steps are Stone, and much worn: 'Tis in a Cloſe, on the North Side of the Church, and over this Repoſitory grows a Sycamore, planted by the old Man when he filled in the Earth. The preſent Owner will not ſuffer it to be open'd, the Lady of the Mannor having forbidden it. This was atteſted to us by ſeveral old People, who had likewiſe ſeen and meaſured the Skeleton.

EXAMPLES *of Long Life.*

AT *Uttoxeter*, in the Moorlands of *Stafford-ſhire*, were buried the following Number of People at the following Ages, in the Year 1702.

In 14 Days were buried Three Women, the Firſt 103, the Second 126, and One of 87; and the ſame Year Two Siſters and a Brother in and of that Pariſh, the Brother 92, the youngeſt Siſter 95, the eldeſt Siſter 98.

And in the ſame Pariſh this preſent Year 1726, were buried in 22 Days, the following aged People.

Auguſt the 7th One Woman aged 94, and One Man aged 81.

Auguſt the 4th One Man, aged - - - - 68

Auguſt the 19th One Man, aged - - - - 87

Auguſt

Auguſt the 22d One Man, aged - - - - 82
Auguſt the 23d One Man, aged - - - - 83

Men 4
Women 2

In 1726. at *Gravely* in *Hertford-ſhire*, 31 Miles from *London*, almoſt every Sixth Soul is upwards of Sixty. Inhabitants 187. aged above Sixty, 29.

X. *A farther Account of the Bills of Mortality, &c. of ſeveral conſiderable Towns in* Europe, *for the Years* 1722 *and* 1723, *extracted from the* Acta Breſlavienſia, *by Sir* Conrad Spengell, R. S. S. & Col. Reg. Medic. Lond. Lic.

A Liſt of thoſe that were born and buried, &c. in Breſlaw, *&c. in the Year* 1722.

	Buried
From the 25th of *Dec.* to the 31ſt, 1721.	35
January, 1722.	100
February,	94
March,	129
April,	121
May,	122
June,	182
July,	185
Auguſt,	203
September,	167
October,	173
November,	190
December, 'till the 24th	90
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Chriſtened		
Males		665
Females		670
		1335
Married 424 *Pair.*		
Among the Dead were		
Married Men		231
Married Women		149
Widows and Widowers		150
Batchelors		57
Maidens		52
Children to 10 Years of Age	Boys	570
	Girls	499
Still-born	Boys	53
	Girls	30
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